

(2) In Washington, DC, on Friday, January 22, 1999, at 9:00 am ET until all public comments have been received.

ADDRESSES: The January 13, 1999 stakeholder meeting will be held at the Loews Giorgio Hotel (1-800-243-1166 or 303-782-9300), 4150 E Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado. The January 22, 1999 stakeholder meeting will be held at the Renaissance Washington Plaza Hotel (202-898-9000), 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

To register for the meeting, please contact the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or Jennifer Melch of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-7035. Participants registering in advance will be mailed a packet of materials before the meeting. Interested parties who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. Conference lines are limited and will be allocated on the basis of first-reserved, first-served.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. For information on activities related to the IESWTR and the Stage I DBPR, contact: Jennifer Melch, U.S. EPA at (202) 260-7035 or e-mail at melch.jennifer@epamail.epa.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6201-5]

1999 National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public invitation to Plenary Sessions of National Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of public invitation to the plenary sessions of the forthcoming regular meeting of the National Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program, "RCRA 99—Partnerships for a Cleaner Environment." This meeting brings together representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), States and Tribes involved in the RCRA program. It promotes new EPA Headquarters initiatives, and fosters discussion and education concerning Regional and State issues.

DATES: The plenary sessions will be held in Washington, DC, on January 12, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until noon and on January 14, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Donovan, (703-308-8761), or Timothy Elder, (703-308-6081), Office of Solid Waste, Mail Code 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460.

STATUS: The plenary sessions of this meeting will be open to the public. At the plenary sessions Federal, State, and Tribal Officials will discuss current topics related to the RCRA program and latest agency initiatives. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pre-registration is required to attend the plenary sessions. There will be no registration at the door on the day of the sessions. Seating is limited, so early pre-registration is recommended. EPA, State, and Tribal representatives who have pre-registered to attend the 1999 National RCRA Program Meeting do not need to register for the plenary sessions. To pre-register, contact HAZMED at, (301) 577-9700 ext. 245, Hazmed, 10001 Derekwood Lane Suite 115, Lanham, MD 20706. Information on the location of the plenary session will be provided upon pre-registration.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Matthew Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Final Approval of an Alternative Liner System Design and Use of Alternative Daily Cover Material for the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency approves two requests by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("Community") for approval to use flexible standards at the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. The first approval allows the Community to install a geosynthetic clay liner in place of a composite liner. The second allows the Community to use a tarp system as cover in place of earthen material.

Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), requires EPA to establish minimum federal criteria to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills are designed and operated in a manner that protects human health and the environment. Generally, these criteria are technical standards that are "self-implementing," meaning that the criteria are in effect as soon as they are published. For many of these criteria, the regulations also establish a flexible performance-based standard as an alternative to the self-implementing regulations. Without EPA's approval, the flexible standards could not be used at the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. EPA's approvals will allow the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill to install a geosynthetic clay liner and to use a tarp system as cover at the Landfill. This approval applies solely to the Salt River Municipal Solid Waste Landfill located on Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation in Arizona.

DATES: Effective December 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: US EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, Attn: Ms. Susanna Trujillo, Mail Code WST-7 telephone (415) 744-2099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Regulatory Background

Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), 42 U.S.C. 6941-6949a, governs the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste and of small-quantity hazardous waste not regulated under Subtitle C of RCRA. Subtitle D prohibits "open dumping" and EPA established criteria for determining which solid waste facilities should be classified as "municipal solid waste landfills" and which as "open dumps." Pursuant to HSWA, EPA added revised criteria to establish minimum federal standards to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLF) are designed and operated in a manner that protects human health and the environment. The Federal revised criteria are codified at 40 CFR part 258. RCRA also requires states to implement permit programs to ensure that MSWLF facilities comply with the revised criteria (40 U.S.C. 6945(c)). EPA determines whether each state has developed an adequate solid waste permitting program and "approves" those states. In states that do not develop an adequate program, the regulations set forth in part 258 are self-implementing and apply to owners and